

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY DECISION

POLICY TITLE: Hood Canal Shrimp Fishery **POLICY NUMBER:** POL-C3008

Cancels:

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See Also:

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair

The following management objectives for the Hood Canal shrimp fishery are:

- Determine total allowable catch (TAC) using preseason stock assessment results.
- Provide for annual juvenile and spawning stock escapement through pot design and season length.

Provide a quality recreational shrimp fishing experience.

- Structure the fishery to meet the needs of both local and non-local participants while considering the effects on the business infrastructure that relies on fishing participants.
- Provide adequate public notice of fishing seasons.
- Maintain good catch rates.

Provide a season structure that meets inseason catch accounting and management needs.

- Season structure should attempt to provide a minimum of four fishing days.
- Fishery structures should provide several days between open days when it is established that more than 50 percent of the recreational TAC has been harvested.

Manage the fishery consistent with state/tribal allocation requirements as determined by federal court order.

- Monitor recreational fishery harvest totals to assure that 50 percent of the TAC is not exceeded.